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# **Fiscal Note**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 22-0052 Date: February 2, 2022 **Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Roberts; Soper Bill Status: House Business Sen. Coram; Donovan Fiscal Analyst: Clare Pramuk | 303-866-2677 clare.pramuk@state.co.us **Bill Topic:** FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT AND CREMATORY INSPECTION Summary of □ TABOR Refund ☐ State Revenue **Fiscal Impact:** ☐ Local Government □ State Transfer ☐ Statutory Public Entity The bill authorizes the Director of the Division of Professions and Occupations to have inspectors enter the premises of registered funeral establishments and crematories in response to complaints or suspected violations. It will increase state workload on an ongoing basis. **Appropriation** No appropriation is required. Summary: **Fiscal Note** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

## **Summary of Legislation**

Status:

The bill authorizes the Director of the Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies to have an inspector enter the premises of registered funeral establishments and crematories during regular business hours to conduct inspections to investigate a complaint or suspected violation. Registration under the Mortuary Code by a funeral establishment or crematory constitutes consent for authorized inspections.

## **State Expenditures**

Beginning in FY 2022-23, the bill may increase workload for the Division of Professions and Occupations in DORA and the Department of Personnel and Administration as explained below.

**Department of Regulatory Agencies.** Workload will increase in the Division of Professions and Occupations to promulgate rules, and conduct outreach and education in FY 2022-23. To the extent that the division contracts with third-party inspectors, staff workload will also increase to execute the contracts. Enabling inspections when a complaint is filed or a violation is suspected may result in more effective investigations yielding a higher number of and stronger enforcement actions. Any increase is expected to be accomplished within existing appropriations.

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**Department of Personnel and Administration.** To the extent that additional cases are brought against funeral establishments and crematories, workload for administrative law judges will increase.

#### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

#### **State and Local Government Contacts**

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